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1-NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST -- OBERDORFER FROM HOLLINGBOURNE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS  
UNDERTAKING A NEW PEACE MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST  
FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS WHICH HE  
SAID HAVE LAID THE BASIS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF FULL-  
SCALE NEGOTIATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

-IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, VANCE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO  
PROGRESS BUT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE A SIGNIFICANT  
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STEP TOWARD THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.  
-VANCE WILL CONVENE ANOTHER FONMIN MEETING WHEN HE  
TRAVELS TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN TWO WEEKS. VANCE HOPES  
TO "HELP IN GETTING THINGS STARTED" RATHER THAN REMAIN

IN THE AREA FOR SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OR EXTENDED  
DIPLOMATIC ENTERPRISE. VANCE HINTED THAT HE  
MIGHT MAKE OTHER STOPS ON HIS TRIP.  
-VANCE SAID AHERTON.S TRIP WOULD PREPARE FOR THE NEXT  
ROUND OF TALKS.

- DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THAT THE NEXT ROUND MIGHT BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE DEFENSE MINISTERS AND OTHER MILITARY EXPERTS.
- THE LACK OF A JOINT STATEMENT OR APPEARANCE WAS A SIGN OF THE DIFFERENCES REMAINING.
- DAYAN SAID THE DISCUSSIONS HAD CREATED BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS. KAMEL WAS MORE RESERVED IN HIS STATEMENTS.
- VANCE HAD PLANNED A MIDDLE EAST TRIP THIS SUMMER EVEN BEFORE THE START OF THE TALKS. HE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WHEN THESE TALKS MET THE MINIMUM OBJECTIVE OF DEEPENING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

NYT -- GWERTZMAN FROM HOLLINGBOURNE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH MAJOR DIFFERENCES REMAINED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, HIS TWO-DAY MEETING WITH THEIR FORMERS HAD PRODUCED ENOUGH RESULTS TO JUSTIFY HIS FLYING TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR MORE EXCHANGES."

OTHER POINTS:

- APPARENTLY THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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EITHER SIDE.

- VANCE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INTENSITY OF THE DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT THE MEETING ITSELF "IS PROGRESS."
- AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THAT VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST IS PART OF AN AMERICAN EFFORT TO KEEP UP THE IMPRESSION OF MOMENTUM EVEN IF THE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE FEW. THE ADMINISTRATION DECIDED LAST MONTH THAT ANOTHER MAJOR EFFORT HAD TO BE MADE SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD COMPLETELY STALLED.
- VANCE HOPES THAT COMPROMISES CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH AMERICAN MEDIATION IF THE DIALOGUE CONTINUES. BUT NO AMERICAN PLAN WAS OFFERED HERE.
- VANCE MADE NO EFFORT TO DISGUISE THE LACK OF BREAKTHROUGH HERE, BUT NONE HAD BEEN EXPECTED.
- VANCE SAID THAT ADDITIONAL SIMILARITIES HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE TWO SIDES REMAIN COMMITTED TO PEACE.

CSM -- SOUTHERLAND FROM MAIDSTONE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE US, WESTERN

DIPLOMATS NOW ARE CONCERNED THAT MANY OF THE POSITIVE GAINS OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE ARE LIKELY TO BE LOST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS."

OTHER POINTS:

-FAILURE HERE LEFT THE US WITH NO ALTERNATIVE TO PLAYING A MORE FORCEFUL ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THUS THE VANCE TRIP IN TWO WEEKS.

-THE MAIN QUESTION IS NOW IF SADAT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS OR MAKE ANOTHER DRAMATIC MOVE. DIPLOMATS SAY THAT SADAT HAS PREPARED THE GROUND FOR REPAIRING RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND THE PLO. HE HAS ALSO HINTED THAT HE MIGHT REFUSE TO RENEW THE MANDATE FOR THE UN FORCES IN THE SINAI.

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-OTHER SOURCES SAY THAT SADAT HAS GONE TOO FAR TO TURN BACK FROM HIS PEACE INITIATIVE.

-AFTER THE TALKS, VANCE WOULD ONLY GO SO FAR AS SAYING THAT THE MEETINGS LAID THE BASIS FOR "WHAT COULD BE NEGOTIATION."

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS -- ANTEVIL FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, CONCEDED THAT HIS MEETINGS HERE WITH ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAD LEFT THE CORE ISSUES BETWEEN THEM UNRESOLVED, SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A NEW ROUND OF TALKS NEXT MONTH."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE TALKS RESULTED IN WHAT HAD BEEN EXPECTED -- AN AIRING OF VIEWS BUT NO BREAKTHROUGH.

-VANCE SAID THAT THERE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK AHEAD, THE TALKS WERE PROBING AND CANDID, AND THAT THE TALKS THEMSELVES REPRESENTED PROGRESS.

-A US OFFICIAL SAID THAT NO ONE CHANGED HIS FUNDAMENTAL POSITION.

-AN EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE IMPRESSION OF THE TALKS GIVEN BY THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN WAS TOO NEGATIVE. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT BEFORE THE TALKS BEGAN THAT THEY WOULD RESULT IN AGREEMENT TO HOLD ADDITIONAL TALKS.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION -- GLASS FROM LEEDS CASTLE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE SAID WEDNESDAY THAT HE WILL GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO BROADEN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN HERE IN THE BELIEF THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING A GENUINE PEACE."

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OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE GAVE AN UPBEAT REPORT TO THE PRESS ON THE TALKS.

IN WHICH HE ANTICIPATED ANOTHER ROUND OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

- SOURCES SAID THE FONMINS AND PERHAPS MILITARY EXPERTS WOULD MEET IN ALEXANDRIA. PLANS CALL FOR THE RAPID SIGNING OF A NEW SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE SIGNED IN EL ARISH WHICH WOULD THEN BE RETURNED TO THE EGYPTIANS. BUFFER ZONES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED, ISRAELI SETTLERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR PASSPORTS, AND ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS WOULD BE MET IN TERMS OF AIRFIELDS AND ACCESS TO THE GULF OF AQABA.
- NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS RATED THE TALKS A LIMITED SUCCESS.
- VANCE SAID THE SHIFT IN SITE TO LEEDS WAS AN INSPIRED SUGGESTION BY FONSEC OWEN.

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN -- WALLACH FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, ANNOUNCING THAT HE WILL RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN TWO WEEKS TO LAUNCH FULL-SCALE NEGOTIATIONS, SAID YESTERDAY THE LAST TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE PEACE TALKS HERE SHOULD MAKE ISRAEL FEEL MORE SECURE ABOUT WITHDRAWING FROM THE WEST BANK."

OTHER POINTS:

- VANCE SAID ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE ISSUE OF SECURITY IS BEING SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED.
- DAYAN SAID THAT MANY PRESUMED STUMBLING BLOCKS DID NOT EXIST. VANCE SAID THAT NEW AREAS OF AGREEMENT WERE IDENTIFIED.
- THE TALKS WERE INVALUABLE IN BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

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BOSTON GLOBE -- BEECHER FROM LEEDS CASTLE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "THE MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS, AFTER MONTHS OF IMPASSE, APPEARS TO BE MOVING FORWARD AGAIN, BUT BARELY."

OTHER POINTS:

- VANCE SAID HE WILL GO TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN TWO WEEKS; AHERTON WILL PRECEDE HIM TO PAVE THE WAY.
- VANCE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE RESUMPTION OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.
- VANCE SAID THAT DURING THIS MEETING 90% OF THE TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THE TWO FONMINS; HE OCCASIONALLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO SHARPEN OR CLARIFY A POINT. BOTH SIDES ASKED THAT THE US CONTINUE ITS ROLE AS FACILITATOR.

-DIPLOMATIC SOURCES EXPECT THAT FORMAL TALKS WILL BE HELD, BUT AT A NEUTRAL SITE RATHER THAN EGYPT OR ISRAEL. VANCE MAY MEET WITH BEGIN AND SADAT BEFORE A BROADENED

MEETING INCLUDING DSEFENSE MINISTERS TAKES PLACE.  
-WEIZMAN AND GAMASSY REPORTERDLY MADE SIGNIFICANT  
PROGRESS IN WORKING OUT DETAILED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE SINAI. THIS SHOULD SPEED THE DRAFTING OF A  
PEACE TREATY.  
-SOURCES SAID THAT DAYAN FELT THAT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION  
WAS NOT AS INTRACTABLE AS HE HAD EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON STAR -- GUIDRY FROM LONDON

LEAD: "US OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THEY ACHIEVED THE MOST  
THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED BY JUST KEEPING THE  
LONG-STALLED MIDDLE EAST TALKS GOING AT LEEDS CASTLE,  
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ALTHOUGH NO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WAS MADE."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE TALKS ENDED WITH AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN IN ABOUT TWO  
WEEKS.  
-VANCE HAD EXTREMELY LOW EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS MEETING.  
-US OFFICIALS WANTED AT LEAST ONE SESSION AT WHICH THE  
US WOULD NOT APPEAR. THAT DID NOT HAPPEN AND VANCE WILL  
BE INVOLVED IN THE NEXT ROUND AS ITS CHAIRMAN.  
-US OFFICIALS DID CLAIM A PROCEDURAL BREAKTHROUGH OF  
SORTS FOR THEIR VIEW THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD GO  
FORWARD BY EACH SIDE RESPONDING IN MORE AND MORE DETAIL  
ABOUT THEIR PROPOSALS AND POSITIONS.  
-WHILE THE TALKS CONTINUE, THE US WILL NOT HAVE TO  
PUT FORWARD ITS OWN SUGGESTIONS.

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UPI -- ANDERSON FROM LONDON

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, APPARENTLY CONFIDENT THAT MIDDLE  
EAST PEACE EFFORTS ARE BACK ON TRACK, TODAY BEGAN REVIEW-  
ING SITES FOR A NEW ROUND OF TALKS. BUT EGYPT WARNED IT  
MIGHT NOT ATTEND."

OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO  
RESUME THE TALKS. BUT EGYPTIAN PAPERS TODAY QUOTED KAMEL  
AS SAYING EGYPT HAD NOT AGREED TO RESUMPTION OF THE  
TALKS BUT WOULD CHANGE ITS MIND IF ISRAEL SOFTENED ITS  
POSITION.  
-AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID A CANCELLATION BY EITHER SIDE  
WOULD BE A DISASTROUS BLOW.  
  
-VANCE HOPES THAT ULTIMATELY AMERICAN MEDIATION WILL  
NOT BE REQUIRED AND THAT THE SIDES COULD CONTINUE THEIR  
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NBC -- NOTHING ON SECSTATE

CBS RADIO -- KALB FROM KENT

VANCE DESCRIBED THESE TALKS AS THE MOST CANDID AND PROBING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL HE HAD EVER HEARD. BUT AT THE CONCLUDING NEWS CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS ON ANY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE. MAJOR DIFFERENCES REMAIN, HE SAID, THERE IS A LOT OF HARD WORK AHEAD.

AS PART OF THAT HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND TO THE REGION TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. WHEN VANCE GETS THERE, HE EXPECTS ANOTHER THREE CORNERED MEETING, PROBABLY AT EL ARISH IN THE SINAI OR BEERSHEBA IN ISRAEL. BUT THE SECRETARY CANNOT GUARANTEE SUCH A MEETING PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE HE DOES NOT EGYPT'S FINAL APPROVAL.

VANCE SAYS THE ISSUE OF SECURITY FOR ISRAEL EMERGED AS A MAJOR THEME IN THESE TALKS, AND HE ADDED THAT THOUGH HE WOULD PREFER NOT PRESENTING AN AMERICAN COMPROMISE PLAN, HE WOULD IF A DEADLOCK DEVELOPED.  
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IT IS CLEAR AFTER THESE TWO DAYS OF TALKS HERE THAT THE BUSINESS OF NEGOTIATING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS STILL LONG AND HARD AND WILL TAKE A LOT MORE STRAMINA AND JET FUEL. CHRISTOPHER

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